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## INFORMATION REPORT

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COUNTRY Rumania

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SUBJECT Poor Quality of Soviet  
Manufactured Bearings

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1. According to [REDACTED] who has recently handled ball bearings of Soviet manufacture, the quality of this Soviet product is very low. Twenty such bearings failed after less than one hour of normal usage. More than half of the Soviet ball bearings purchased have been rejected because of poor quality.
2. The Rumanian authorities are attempting to purchase Swedish bearings through Switzerland, but cannot secure quantities sufficient to meet the demand. Bearings obtained through Switzerland have been secured at a very unfavorable rate of exchange, reportedly 400 lei to the dollar.

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